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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Suggested Talking Points for your Luncheon Meeting with  
Frank Press, President of the National Academy of Sciences

Following are suggested talking points for your luncheon meeting on 20  
December with Frank Press, President of the National Academy of Sciences.  
John McMahon, Bob Gates and I will also be present.

- The main purpose of the meeting is to seek Frank's ideas on how  
to help the U.S. avoid scientific and technological surprises  
from foreign countries. I suggest you pursue his ideas on the  
subject.
- During a recent meeting I had with Frank, we discussed the  
possibility of the Academy preparing assessments of the state  
of science in various fields for all significant countries  
including the U.S. Frank thought it is a good idea but of  
course emphasized it would have to be done without open  
association with the Intelligence Community.

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- During the fall, Frank was in Japan for an OECD meeting. He told me some interesting things about the meeting and you may wish to ask him for some of his observations.
- For your information a bio sketch on Frank Press is attached.



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Attached  
Bio Sketch

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